

# Geoffrey de Mandeville (11th century)

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**Geoffrey de Mandeville** (died c. 1100), also known as **de Magnaville** (from the Latin *de Magna Villa* "of the great town"), was a Constable of the Tower of London.<sup>[1][2]</sup> Mandeville was a Norman, from one of several places that were known as Magna Villa in the Duchy of Normandy. These included the modern communes of Manneville-la-Goupil and Mannevillette.<sup>[3]</sup> Some records indicate that Geoffrey de Mandeville was from Thil-Manneville, in Seine-Maritime, Haute-Normandy (upper Normandy).<sup>[1][4][5]</sup>

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## Life

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An important Domesday tenant-in-chief, de Mandeville was one of the ten richest magnates of the reign of William the Conqueror. William granted him large estates, primarily in Essex, but in ten other shires as well.<sup>[6]</sup> He served as the first sheriff of London and Middlesex,<sup>[7]</sup> and perhaps also in Essex, and in Hertfordshire. He was the progenitor of the de Mandeville Earls of Essex.<sup>[8]</sup> About 1085 he and Lescelina, his second wife, founded Hurley Priory as a cell of Westminster Abbey.<sup>[9][10]</sup>

## Family

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He married firstly, Athelaise (Adeliza) (d. bef. 1085),<sup>[9]</sup> by whom he had:

- William de Mandeville (d. bef. 1130), married Margaret dau. of Eudo, dapifer, who m. 2ndly Otuer fitz Count.<sup>[11]</sup>
- Beatrice de Mandeville, m. Geoffrey fitz Eustace, natural son of Eustace II, Count of Boulogne.<sup>[12]</sup> Geoffrey was Lord of Carshalton, Surrey<sup>[13]</sup>
- Walter, who was also one of his tenants in 1086.<sup>[1]</sup>

He married secondly Lescelina, by whom he had no children.<sup>[1]</sup>

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